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[Washington Note: The following information, though general in nature, confirms and supplements previous reports.]

1. The governing organ in North Korea is the North Korea People's Committee (北韓人民委員会). The central or head committee is at Haejo, the head of the committee being KIM Il-sung (金日成), the vice-head KIM Tu Pong [KIM Du-pong] (金斗奉). Branch committees are established in all North Korean provinces, prefectures, cities and towns. [See [redacted] for detailed report.] 25X1A2g
2. The Prefectural Bureau (五道局) [Washington Note: The characters read "The Five Provincial Bureaus" but according to [redacted] there are six Provincial People's Committees.] The title is intentionally misleading. This organization is actually a combined War Department, Navy Department and Police or Gendarmerie headquarters. The head is CHOE Yong Kun [CHOE Yong-kun] (崔庸健). 25X1A2g
3. Directly under the Prefectural Bureau are the Peace Preservation Corps (保安隊) and the Peace Preservation Department (保安署). The Peace Preservation Corps is the military and Gendarmerie arm of the Prefectural Bureau; the Peace Preservation Department is the judicial arm of the Prefectural Bureau.
4. There are three important political parties in North Korea, the Labor Party (労働党), the Democratic Party (民主党) and the Young Friends' Party (青友党). Most members of the last party, according to source, belong to a religious group called the Tendo Kyo (天道教). Nominally these parties are distinct political groups, but actually they are one and the same. The Labor Party, recently renamed The Independent Federation New People's Party (獨立同盟新人民党), is headed by KIM Du-pong, the vice-head being KIM Il-sung. One can see that this leadership is the reverse of the North Korea People's Committee. The Democratic Party is headed by the same CHOE Yong-kun who is the head of the Prefectural Bureau.
5. The entire population of North Korea is organized into seven federations. Every adult is forced to join one of these.
 - a. The Cultural People's Federation (文化人同盟). This is a federation of all literary people, scholars and teachers.
 - b. The Technicians' Federation (技術者同盟). This includes everyone with any technical training, from the most highly trained engineers and surgeons to draftsmen and semi-skilled mechanics.

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- c. The Farmers' Federation (農民同盟)* This is self-explanatory, except that under it is the Farmers' Self-Defense Corps (農民自衛隊), a locally organized body, unarmed, which, for the most part, merely patrols farms.
- d. The Artists' Federation (藝術家同盟)*
- e. The Women's Federation (女性同盟)* This federation admits only those women without special skills and technical training, such as housewives and farmers' wives.
- f. The Occupation Federation (職業同盟)* [Professional League]. In this federation are placed all those male adults who are trained but cannot be identified with the other federations, such as bank clerks, clerks and cooks.
- g. The Democratic Young Men's Federation (民主青年同盟)* This federation is for those between eighteen and thirty. It is a federation intended for the ordinary laborer or farmer with no special skill.
6. The Racial Unity Committee (民族統一戰線委員會) is a central committee composed of representatives of the seven federations. How much voice it has in the government is unknown.
7. The Peace Preservation Staff Schools (保安幹部學校) give military training. Many of the graduates do not go into the army, but simply are given positions in the Peace Preservation Department or Peace Preservation Corps. The most promising graduates are given positions in the Prefectural Bureau. These staff schools have Soviet instructors and use Soviet weapons for training purposes.

* [Washington Note: These federations were reported in [REDACTED]

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